



Family Updates Newsletter

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15th March 2024

Updates

We hope this message finds you well and enjoying the delights of the changing season. We're thrilled to share some exciting news with you! Recently, we underwent an Ofsted inspection, and we're delighted to announce that our school has maintained its **outstanding status in all areas**. This achievement is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our entire school community, including our students, staff, and supportive families like yours.



If you haven't had the chance to view our most recent Ofsted report yet, we encourage you to take a look at it [here](#). It's a tribute to the incredible efforts of everyone involved in our school's journey towards excellence.

In celebration of our continued success and in support of the Friends of Ivy House, we're excited to invite you to our upcoming **Chocolate Bingo Night!** It's going to be a fun-filled evening for the whole family, with **eyes down at 5pm on the 26th of March**. We would be grateful for any chocolate donations you can spare for the event. Your generosity will help us raise funds to support our students go on valuable trips and visits.

Moreover, as we start embrace the spring weather, we're delighted to see our students enjoying the outdoor play areas and exploring the local community. It's heart-warming to witness their enthusiasm and joy as they engage in outdoor activities and learning experiences.

Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in our school community. We look forward to seeing you at Chocolate Bingo Night for an evening of fun, laughter, and chocolate delights!

Your Leadership Team.

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World Book Day

At our school, World Book Day was a delightful celebration of literature and imagination. We were thrilled to welcome families who generously volunteered their time to read with students, fostering a love for books and storytelling. The school was filled with excitement as students and staff adorned themselves in fantastic fancy dress outfits and cosy pyjamas, bringing beloved book characters to life. It was a joyous occasion where the magic of reading was celebrated, and we extend our heartfelt thanks to all who contributed to making it a memorable day.

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SEN United

SEN United are a charity football team which was founded in 2015 with the purpose of raising money for SEN schools in the Derby area, they have made excellent connections with community groups such as Derby County Community Trust, Fatball, Rolls-Royce Leisure FC and most recently became partners with local youth football team Redwood Colts FC.

The money they have raised has helped fund a state-of-the-art Multi-Use-Games-Area, sensory rooms, a purpose-built kitchen, an outside classroom and so much more. Most recently they have raised money for St Andrew's Academy, enabling them to purchase a range of outdoor gym equipment which has hugely benefited the physical and mental health of pupils at the school.

Our Headteacher, Ian Armstrong, has been involved with SEN United for a number of years and the club have very kindly agreed to host a charity fundraiser in aid of the Friends of Ivy House. Please get the date in the diary as it would be amazing if you could come down with friends and family to support us raise money to support trips and visits for our school community and aid our dream of achieving charitable status. The game will be played at Ilkeston Town Football Club, kicking off at 8.00pm on Friday 17th May 2024.

This evening, we have one of our fantastic parents, Nathan Hunt, playing for SEN United in their game against Sean Lynk Memorial FC at Ilkeston Town Football Club, kicking off at 8.00pm this evening.

You can find out more information about SEN United here:

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Trips and Visits

Little Gems had a fantastic trip to Twycross Zoo on Tuesday 5th March. The children were thrilling to encounter lots of different animals and had the opportunity to feed some lorikeets. This visit fostered their communication and physical skills as well as socialising with their peers. The adventure included a trail to find the Gruffalo, adding even more excitement to the day. All the pupils amazed us, and we were so proud of them all. A huge thank you to those parents that attended with us, it was a wonderful day out.



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Twycross Zoo
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Friends of Ivy House School

The Friends of Ivy House is the dedicated Parent, Carer, Teacher Association (PCTA) committed to raising essential funds to support Ivy House School, with a shared vision of enhancing the lives of its students. At the heart of this initiative is the belief that every student deserves enriching experiences that contribute to their holistic development.

The funds raised by The Friends of Ivy House are channelled towards creating impactful and memorable experiences for the students, ranging from educational outings and immersive activities to specialised programs that cater to their unique needs. By supporting this initiative, you are directly contributing to the enrichment of the students' lives and fostering an environment that promotes growth and empowerment.

To make a difference and be part of this transformative journey, The Friends of Ivy House has set up a [GoFundMe page](#). Your generous donations will go a long way in ensuring that the students at Ivy House School have access to opportunities that go beyond the conventional classroom setting, fostering a well-rounded education. So far, we have raised over £1,300 so a huge thank you to everyone for their ongoing support. It would also be great if as many of you as possible were able to attend our **Chocolate Bingo Night** on the 26th March from 5pm.

The next meeting takes place on **Wednesday 20th March at 2:00pm**. If you would like to get involved please email us at friends@ivy.set.org or contact the main school office.

You can follow the Friends of Ivy House on social media here:

- [Instagram](#)
- [Facebook](#)
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Fund valuable trips & visits for Ivy House School



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£1,358 raised of £5,000 target

29 donations

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Important Dates

British Science Week – Monday 11th March to Friday 15th March

Red Nose Day – Friday 15th March

Celebrating Difference Day (part of Neurodiversity Week) – Tuesday 19th March

Friends of Ivy House Chocolate Bingo Night – Tuesday 26th March – 5:00pm start

Alumni Coffee Morning – Thursday 28th March - 9:30am-11:00am

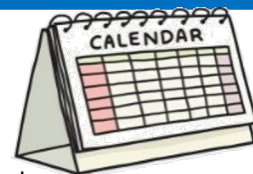
Easter Holidays – Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April

INSET Day (school closed to all students) - Monday 15th April

Wellbeing Day (families invited into school) – Wednesday 15th May

Beach Day (families invited into school) – Thursday 23rd May

May Half Term – Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May





FRIENDS OF IVY HOUSE SCHOOL
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CHOCOLATE BINGO NIGHT

26.03.2024

Join us for a delightful evening of Chocolate Bingo, hosted by the Friends of Ivy House School! It's a family-friendly event filled with excitement and the chance to win fabulous prizes. Refreshments will be available to ensure a fun and enjoyable experience for all. Don't miss out on this entertaining night!

FAMILY | FUN | NIGHT

£1 per game or £5 for a book of 6 games

Eyes down at 5:00pm



JOIN US FOR OUR

ALUMNI COFFEE MORNING

**THURSDAY
28TH MARCH**

9:30am-11:00am

A wonderful chance to reconnect with old friends & meet our alumni.

Don't miss this opportunity to catch up and share stories of your journey since leaving Ivy House School, we look forward to seeing you all.

If you would like more information or to discuss this further please contact Amanda Shipley via the School Office on 01332 777920